

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to provide a cross-reference to the previously filed International Application.

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1-13 have been amended to comply with U.S. format requirements.

Claim 14 has been amended by amending the variants R<sup>10</sup> and R<sup>11</sup>.

The dependency of claim 26 has been amended.

New claim 27 has been added. Support for claim 27 can be found in claim 14.

No new matter has been added.

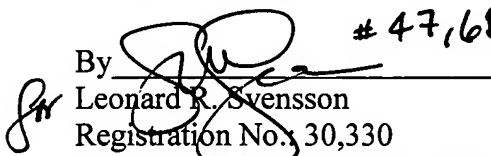
Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2448, under Order No. 1718-0223PUS1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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